



had done in the battle of Memel. It was chiefly his opinion which determined the bold march upon Paris. After the first treaty of Paris, the King of Prussia raised him to the dignity of a Count, appointed him General of Infantry, and gave him landed estates in Silsia, the rent-roll of which exceeded 10,000 dollars a year.

In 1813, it was Count Gneisenau, who, in a few hours, enabled the Prussian army which had been defeated by the French near Ligny, to resume the offensive, and to advance to the assistance of the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo, with whom he, under Blucher's command, *genuinely* pursued the enemy up to the gates of Paris, where he had a share in the decisive transactions that preceded Blucher's second abdication and flight. He then was appointed Governor of the Prussian provinces on the Rhine; but political circumstances induced him to resign this high office in 1816, and to solicit leave to retire for the benefit of his health. The King of Prussia allowed him to retire on full pay, and to reside wherever he liked, on the express condition, however, that his Majesty relied on his services in case of a war. Count Gneisenau repaired first to the celebrated bathing-places of Bohemia, and then to his estate Grossniedenborff, between Hirschberg and Schmiedeberg, in Silsia. Here he continued a few years, at the end of which he was appointed a Prussian Field-Marshal, Governor of Berlin, and Colonel of the militia regiment of Coburg, in commemoration of the eminent services which he had rendered to that town by his able defence. He occasionally resided at his estate, where he died lately in the 69th year of his age.

To the various knowledge and accomplishments, peculiar to a Commander-in-Chief, which he possessed in the highest degree, Count Gneisenau added an admirably quick judgment of the military capabilities of the ground on which he found himself with his troops, and an astonishing sagacity in rapidly turning them to the best use. His presence of mind never failed him under the most disastrous reverses; even when he resorted to measures bordering on treachery, his orders and instructions were given with the utmost precision, propriety, and calm intrepidity. He never for a single moment seemed to labour under any embarrassment in the midst of the most perplexing difficulties. His coup d'œil on the field of battle was as prompt as perfect. But Count Gneisenau enhanced all those brilliant qualities which constitute a great General, by his unaffected modesty, and the most interesting domestic virtues. The constant consciousness of his dispositions, and the chequered history of his social intercourse, gained him the love of all who approached him, in a great degree as his military talents excited the general admiration of those who were able to discern his transcendent merits.

From a late English Paper.

#### A "Bad Comfort"—Conjugal Rights.

A gentleman named Higgins, a member of the Medical profession, appeared before the sitting magistrate, at Henry Street Police Office, Dublin, to complain of Arthur McGinness, for annoying his house. The object of Arthur's repeated acts of annoyance, or *vis à vis* as he called them, appeared to be for the purpose of procuring restoration of his conjugal rights, by getting his wife dismissed from service in the Doctor's family, in which she lived as nurse, and, as it would seem, had no account, which better pleased with her than attending him, and being about with as "affectionate vender of matrimony there," as she designated her husband's necessary occupation. Accordingly, the result of Arthur's tender applications for the restoration of his conjugal rights was his always being put out of the house, and sometimes put "on the watch."

Please your Worship, said Arthur, I have been now married to this woman for 20 years and upwards, and I would not trouble her master's house at all, but for one thing.

Mr. COLE.—And pray what is that one thing?

Arthur.—Why then I'll tell you that just see, your Worship, I had set up a little bit of a book stall near the College gate, and exactly this day two months, of all the other days in the year, without success, grant or otherwise, of two of my volumes. Now, Arthur says, I tell myself, if Katty was here commanding her husband's house instead of other men's children, this would not happen, and, above me, but I will have back my wife or know for what, "that's flat." And so, your Worship, being anxious to take the Doctor's to know what she would say herself, as to living with me. Yes, I, or no; that's all, except you wish to hear the particulars of what followed.

Mr. COLE.—Go on.

Arthur.—Well, then, on Friday night—

Mrs. McGinness, (who was present)—What Friday night—there were more Friday nights, and Thursday nights, too, than one, if I would say it.

Arthur.—*Oz o dolo omnia.* You see I am qualified for my literary profession, gentlemen, as I was telling you, on Friday night, last, to the Doctor's—I see the room, and I had him send down Mrs. McGinness, that I wanted to speak to her. Mrs. McGinness came down accordingly, and I popped the question—*tut tut*, says she, and, without another word, she clapped to the door in my face. Bad treatment this, for Arthur, Arthur, my boy, says I to myself; but I won't be put off in this way, and I rapped at the door again—and Mrs. McGinness came to M'again, and, after saying she would get me kicked out, shut the door, walked back, and I called the watch to take myself.

Mr. COLE.—Called the watch to take yourself? I do not understand you.

Arthur.—To take my cause, I meant, as I knew I was on the right side.

When was it she separated from you?—We were married in 1809, and lived together since, till 1821; and I have only to tell you, Worship, that she turned out to me the worst wife in Europe.

Then why are you anxious to get her back? Just to maintain my right over her, and bring her back to her duty—for I am not under the least compliment to her. As for the six years she has lived at Dr. Higgins's, I never tasted a drop in the house, or got so much as one cup of tea out of her hands.

Dr. Higgins observed that she had been supported in his house when out of a place, and when her husband was unable to maintain her. At present he had, indeed, no great necessity for her service, the child she had been engaged to nurse in his family being now grown up—therefore, for his part, he had no wish w<sup>th</sup>atever to interfere between her and her husband, if she chose to go home.

Mrs. McGinness—I am well able to support her.

Mrs. McGinness—I will never consent to live with him, when I was in my last situation, in the Green, and when thought him to be inferior, he came to me in his master's door, having a dreadful black eye, and his blind drunk.—Now, you terrible blackguard, (said he,) I left my situation for you, and, by G—

The Magistrate—All that I have to do, is to ascertain whether you (Mrs. McG.) be satisfied to leave your situation, and live with your husband?

Mrs. McGinness—I am satisfied, and determined to do no such thing.

Mr. COLE.—Then, Mr. McGinness, you have no right whatever to go to Dr. Higgins's door, or to annoy anyone by demanding her; therefore, if you persevere in demanding restoration of your conjugal rights, you must adopt some other means to effect your object than such as you have already suggested.

Arthur—shall; and I will give the Doctor a month's notice to part with her.

Doctor Higgins—I only have to repeat that you may go with him if like also. I have no wish

whatever in retaining her in my service, if her husband be in a way to support her.

Arthur becoming a little noisy,

Mr. COLE addressed him, observing that he had no right whatever to be making an outcry about his wife in this manner, to the annoyance of others. He only remedy was through the Ecclesiastical Court.

Arthur—I don't like much troubling myself in all those dry forms of the Clerical Court; but she is one "bad comfort," to which I have a right; and I will, therefore, take your Worship's advice, and complain of her there, as you say I have no other remedy against her.

Mr. FULLAM.—Aye, and it will only cost you 100/-

Arthur—O, d—*the expense!* I don't care about it.

Mr. COLE again reminded Mr. McGinness, that he should not trouble the man of Dr. Higgins any more; at the same time that he was at liberty to see his wife, and remonstrate with her elsewhere.

Arthur—I, want no demonstration at all about it.

Mr. COLE.—You say you have a book-stand

Arthur—I say so still.

Mr. COLE.—Then I am not surprised at your using the word *demonstration* instead of mine.

Mr. FULLAM.—Oh that is quite natural, from the air he breathes at the College gate.

Arthur.—This may be all quite noisy, but I will bring two or three Companions with me this day week; for I can tell you that I am a man that won't be put down by an attorney, or a barrister.

Mr. COLE.—You must do every thing in this way through your attorney.

Arthur—That I will; but I won't employ some one that's here, nor he need not expect it.

Mr. FULLAM.—That is the most sensible thing you have said this day, Arthur; and Arthur left the Board-room, but unaccompanied by his ribs.

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